



Notice
March 1, 2013

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Chancellor

The Proposed Co-location of a New Public Elementary Charter School Success Academy Charter School – Brooklyn 7 (84KTBD) with Existing School P.S. 167 The Parkway (17K167) and New Elementary School (17K532) Beginning in 2013-2014

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to site Success Academy Charter School – Brooklyn 7 (84KTBD, “SA – Brooklyn 7”), a new public elementary charter school that will serve students in kindergarten through second grade, in building K167 (“K167”) located at 1025 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY, 11213, in Community School District 17 (“District 17”). If this proposal and the corresponding proposals (described below) are approved, SA – Brooklyn 7 will be co-located in K167 with P.S. 167 The Parkway (“The Parkway”) and 17K532. The Parkway (17K167, “P.S. 167”), is an existing zoned district elementary school that currently serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade and offers two sections of full day pre-kindergarten. 17K532 (“17K532”) is a new zoned district elementary school that the DOE has proposed to site in the K167 building beginning in the 2013-2014 school year. K167 also houses Brooklyn Psychotherapy, a community-based organization (“CBO”) which operates a school-based mental health clinic, and a United Federation of Teachers (“UFT”) office.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) posted on January 11, 2013, the DOE proposed to gradually phase out and eventually close P.S. 167 because of its low performance and inability to improve quickly to better support student needs. The EIS describing that proposal can be found here: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/Mar112013Proposals.htm>. If the phase-out proposal is approved, P.S. 167 will no longer admit new kindergarten students, will no longer offer first or second grade, and will no longer offer its pre-kindergarten program after the 2012-2013 school year. Therefore, in 2013-2014, P.S. 167 will serve only third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students. P.S. 167 will subsequently phase out one grade each year until it completes its phase-out and closes in June 2016. For the purposes of this EIS, which describes the opening and co-location of SA – Brooklyn 7 in K167, it is assumed that the proposal to phase out P.S. 167 will be approved by the PEP. However, if the proposal to phase-out is not approved, this EIS and the accompanying BUP will be revised as necessary.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement also posted on January 11, 2013 and revised on March 1, 2013, the DOE proposed to open and co-locate a new zoned district elementary school, 17K532, that will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade and offer two sections of full day pre-kindergarten at full scale. If that proposal is approved, 17K532 will begin enrolling kindergarten through second grade students in 2013-2014 and will add one grade per year until it is at full scale and serves students in kindergarten through fifth grade in 2016-2017. 17K532 will also offer a pre-kindergarten program beginning in 2013-2014. The revised EIS describing that proposal can be found here: <http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/April2013Proposals.htm>. For the purposes of this EIS, which describes the opening and co-location of SA – Brooklyn 7 in K167, it is assumed that the proposal to co-locate 17K532 will be approved by the PEP. However, if the proposal to co-locate 17K532 is not approved, this EIS and the accompanying BUP will be revised as necessary.

SA – Brooklyn 7 is a new public elementary charter school that is currently authorized to serve kindergarten through fifth grades. However, this proposal only involves the co-location of SA – Brooklyn 7's kindergarten through second grades in the K167 building. Success Academy Charter Schools (“SACS”) is a charter management organization (“CMO”) that currently operates 12 public elementary charter schools in New York City. SACS has been authorized by SUNY to operate six new public elementary charter schools starting in 2013-2014. Each of the four SACS elementary schools that received a Progress Report for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years received an overall grade of A in both years.

If this proposal is approved, SA – Brooklyn 7 will begin serving a total of 125-160 kindergarten and first grade students in 2013-2014 in building K167. In 2014-2015, SA – Brooklyn 7 will grow to serve second grade students, and will serve 195-250 students in kindergarten through second grade. In 2015-2016 and beyond, SA – Brooklyn 7 is projected to serve approximately 210-270 kindergarten through second grade students in K167. The DOE will consider all long-term options to accommodate the future siting of grades three through five of SA – Brooklyn 7. The DOE will also consider long-term options to site the school's full offering of grades K-5 in one building. Any such proposals will be the subject of a separate EIS. SA – Brooklyn 7 will admit students via its charter lottery application process, with preference given to District 17 residents, and a set aside for English Language Learners, described in more detail below.

According to the 2011-2012 Enrollment, Capacity, Utilization Report (“Blue Book”), K167 has a target capacity of 785 students, but in 2012-2013 the building is serving 450 students, yielding a building utilization rate of 57%. This means that the building is “underutilized” and has space to accommodate additional students. In 2016-2017, once P.S. 167 has completed its phase-out and SA – Brooklyn 7 and 17K532 are at full scale in K167, it is projected that there will be approximately 641-761 students served in K167, thereby yielding an estimated building utilization rate of approximately 82%-97%.

The DOE supports the permanent placement of grades K-2 of SA – Brooklyn 7 in building K167 in order to continue providing new educational options for students and families.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) and Building Utilization Plan (“BUP”) can be found on the Department of Education’s Web site:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2012-2013/April2013Proposals.htm>

Copies of the EIS and BUP are also available in the P.S. 167 main office.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to D17Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-0208.

IV. The name, office, address, email and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable on the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the item.

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V. Date, time and place of joint public hearings for this proposal.

Thursday, April 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.
K167
1025 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11213

Questions about the proposal should be directed as indicated in section IV above.

Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the hearing and will close 15 minutes after the start.

VII. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

April 17, 2013 at 6:00pm
Prospect Heights Campus
883 Classon Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225